

Education, Junior Rangers, and Volunteers

Junior Ranger Program

Junior Rangers take time to explore, learn and protect their national parks. Kids of any age who complete the required activities in the Petrified Forest Junior Ranger Activity Booklet are eligible for a Junior Park Ranger Badge and Patch. Stop at the Painted Desert Visitor Center, Painted Desert Inn National Historic Landmark, or Rainbow Forest Museum to request an activity booklet.

We invite YOU to become a member of this very special group of people. Help protect our national parks and join the team. Become a Petrified Forest National Park Junior Ranger today!



Volunteers help in the visitor facilities and out in the park

Volunteers—Very Important People

Have you read the headlines lately? *Vandals Destroy Petroglyphs—Fossils are Stolen From Park—Petrified Wood Theft Continues*. This is what is happening on our public lands, lands set aside for everyone to enjoy. How can an interested person help deter the increasing damage to our cherished lands? Become a volunteer at Petrified Forest National Park!

Volunteers receive training about the park, including the fascinating scientific discoveries being made here and the problems in protecting our park. Volunteers may work directly with the public at visitor centers, rove trails, aid researchers, or delve into the park collection with our museum curator. Volunteers are an important part of the National Park Service team. Volunteers make the visitor experience in parks more enjoyable.

Our volunteers are, without a doubt, Very Important People! Last year, nearly 150,000 volunteers donated 5 million hours of their time to national parks. The national parks belong to all of us and they need our protection. No one else will do it for us. If you care, please join us as a VIP, Volunteer-In-Park. Learn something wonderful, meet new people, and make a difference.

For information write to: Volunteer Coordinator, Petrified Forest National Park, P.O. Box 2217, Petrified Forest, AZ 86028
Call the Volunteer Coordinator at 928-524-6228
E-mail: PEFO_Superintendent@nps.gov



Volunteers help behind the scenes to make the park more enjoyable



Junior Rangers are sworn in by one of the rangers

Education Programs

Educators! Bring your students to Petrified Forest National Park for a ranger-led program that will meet your curriculum needs. The park has endeavored to provide motivating educational opportunities for students while meeting several Arizona Academic Standards. We are always delighted to have classes visit the park with the desire to learn more about this extraordinary place.

Petrified Forest offers:

- Developed Curriculum-based programs on paleontology and archeology,
- Other ranger programs designed to meet specific curriculum needs,
- In-class programs, when a ranger brings the park to your students.

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Students explore science through curriculum-based programs at Petrified Forest



Did You Know?

Unlike hieroglyphs, petroglyphs don't represent sounds or letters. They represent ideas. Researchers theorize that some petroglyphs could be ceremonial, territorial, or commemorative. People of Zuni and Hopi recognize many of the petroglyphs in the park.